government in China that is entirely communist with no free and fair elections?

So if their policy is that in Russia we will reinforce Yeltsin under any circumstance at any cost because we were fearful of the communists, what in the heck is our relationship with China, which is totally dominated by one party communist regime, with no free and fair elections and many concerns about human rights and access to markets?

So I do not buy that argument. But the policies of this administration, constantly reinforcing the notion that under any circumstance we could not let anything to happen to embarrass Boris Yeltsin, have contributed to where we are today and the instability in Russia today.

Let us look at the facts, Mr. Speaker. We have arms control agreements with Russia. Those arms control agreements require that when there is a violation, we hold those Russian entities accountable.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, on the House floor, in spite of a memo from the administration that the President would veto the bill, every Member of this body, every Republican and every Democrat who voted, voted in favor and against the President in favor of requiring the administration to impose sanctions on entities transferring technologies to Iran.

That is as direct a slap in the face of the policies of this administration as anything I have seen in the 13 years I have been here. It was not a partisan issue, because every Democrat joined every Republican.

Now, why would we have to resort to passing this legislation forcing the administration to impose sanctions when violations occur? The reason is, Mr. Speaker, because over the past 7 years we have seen time and time again violations of arms control agreements by Russia and China, and we have ignored them.

Mr. Speaker, I was in Moscow the December before the presidential election of Boris Yeltsin to his second term. The Washington Post had just reported a front page story that we had caught Russia transferring accelerometers and gyroscopes to Iraq.

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Mr. Speaker, accelerometers and gyroscopes are the guidance systems that guide missiles. They are the devices that make missiles more accurate, the kind of missiles that killed our 28 young troops in Desert Storm when Saddam fired that Scud missile into the barracks, the kind of guidance system that North Korea wants for their missiles aimed at America and aimed at South Korea. The Washington Post reported in a front page story, above the fold, we have caught the Russian entities illegally transferring this technology.

I was in Ambassador Pickering's office in January of that year and I said,

''Mr. Ambassador, I'm sure you saw the Washington Post article. What was the response of the Russians when you asked them to explain what we found them doing?''

And he said, ''Congressman, I haven't asked the Russians yet.''

I said, ''Why would you not ask them? The Washington Post reported the story in December and they reported this transfer took place 6 months beforehand. Why wouldn't you ask the Russians? You're our representative here.''

He said, ''Mr. Congressman, that request has got to come from the White House.''

So I came back to Washington and I wrote to President Clinton. I said, ''Mr. President, you must have read the Washington Post story. This would be a gross violation of an arms control agreement, the Missile Technology Control Regime. If this occurred, what are you doing? And have you asked the Russians yet to explain what we have found?''

The President wrote me a three-page response in April of that year. ''Dear Congressman Weldon,'' to paraphrase, ''if what the Post said is true, you're right, it would be a gross violation of that treaty, and I assure you we will take aggressive steps to implement the requirements of that treaty.''

But the President went on to say, ''We have no evidence, we have no proof that it occurred.''

Mr. Speaker, here is the proof. A Soviet accelerometer and a Soviet gyroscope, markings in Russian on both of them. These were clipped from Russian SSN–19 missiles that were on their submarines aimed at American cities. Evidently, as Russia decommissioned some of these nuclear devices and ICBMs, someone clipped off the guidance systems which only three countries manufacture, the U.S., Russia and China, although some European countries, but in terms of our relationship, the U.S., Russia and China, very expensive devices. Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, North Korea cannot build this quality of device. This is the proof, Mr. Speaker. They are real. And it was not just one time and it was not just one set.

Mr. Speaker, we have in America over 100 sets of these devices. They are the ones we caught. And it did not happen once. It did not happen twice. We caught the Russians transferring these devices to Iraq three times. What did the administration do in spite of President Clinton's letter? We did nothing. When I questioned the administration, why did we not do anything when the President told me that we were going to hold Russian entities accountable? The response was very quietly, ''Well, Congressman, we got assurances from Russia that they would conduct a criminal investigation and they would go after anyone they caught who had done this.'' That criminal investigation ended that year, Mr. Speaker. There were no sanctions filed. The devices were transferred, perhaps thousands of

them, and these guidance systems then can be placed into missiles or redesigned or reverse engineered so Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya and North Korea have better ways to aim their missiles with accuracy at American cities and American troops.

Now, why would we not impose sanctions that are required, Mr. Speaker, especially if this administration claims that arms control agreements are so important? In fact, Mr. Speaker, I did a floor speech 14 months ago, and people can get this from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at that time where I documented 37 violations of arms control agreements like this one by the Russians and the Chinese since 1991, since the President took office. In those 37 violations, we caught the Russians and the Chinese sending these kinds of devices to Iraq, sending other technology to Iran, sending chemical and biological and nuclear technology to Syria, Libya, Iran, Iraq, China, North Korea, Pakistan and India, 37 times. That was not my investigation. That research work was done by the Congressional Research Service, an agency that serves Republicans and Democrats, has no partisan nature to it, they simply do the work that we ask them to do. Their study documented 37 violations. How many times did we impose sanctions? Twice. The two times we imposed sanctions were when we caught China transferring M–11 missiles and ring magnets to Pakistan and then we waived the sanctions after 2 years.

Now, why would we not impose the required sanctions when we caught the Russian entities transferring technology? It gets back to the policy of this administration toward Russia. Boris Yeltsin was running for election as the President of Russia. We did not want to embarrass Boris Yeltsin. Every step of the way, the President gave Boris Yeltsin the benefit of the doubt. ''We won't embarrass you, Mr. President, we won't do anything to undermine your leadership in Russia, even if you're allowing things to occur that we know are direct violations of these agreements.''

In fact, Mr. Speaker, in a book that was written by Washington Times defense writer Bill Gertz called ''Betrayal'' which I encourage every one of our colleagues to read, in the back of that book is an irrefutable document. In the back of Bill Gertz' book ''Betrayal'' is the presidential memo cabled from Bill Clinton to Boris Yeltsin in the year he was running for reelection that basically said this and people can read it for themselves: ''Mr. President, I'll make sure that we don't do anything to undermine your chances for reelection. I will make sure that we don't do anything to embarrass you as you embark upon your effort to be reelected.''

Mr. Speaker, that has been our policy for 7 years, not just during the election year. We have been so enamored with the relationship between Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin that even when